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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. A safety connection intended for suspending objects, for instance curtain rails, rods, towel racks and the like, the safety connection (2) comprising at least one first (3) and one second (4) retaining element, the one retaining element (3; 4) after mounting, being coupled to the object (1) to be suspended, while the other retaining element (4; 3) after mounting, is connected to an environment, the first (3) and second (4) retaining element being detachably